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1. There is great depression among Soviet officials in Shanghai over the failure of the Moscow Conference. Members of the crew of the Soviet vessel "Smolny", which arrived in Shanghai on 25 April 1947, expressed disappointment over the outcome of the conference and stated that the people of the USSR had hoped that success would result in substantial aid from the United States and would remove the possibility of war.
2. Conditions during the next few months in the USSR are expected to be extremely severe. There is such a scarcity of food and goods now that people already have lost the hope of surviving.

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Comment: [redacted] report that the Soviets intend to exaggerate their internal weakness as part of a foreign policy tactic, may, if true, throw some light on this new willingness of Soviet officials to admit that economic conditions in the USSR are unfavorable.)

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